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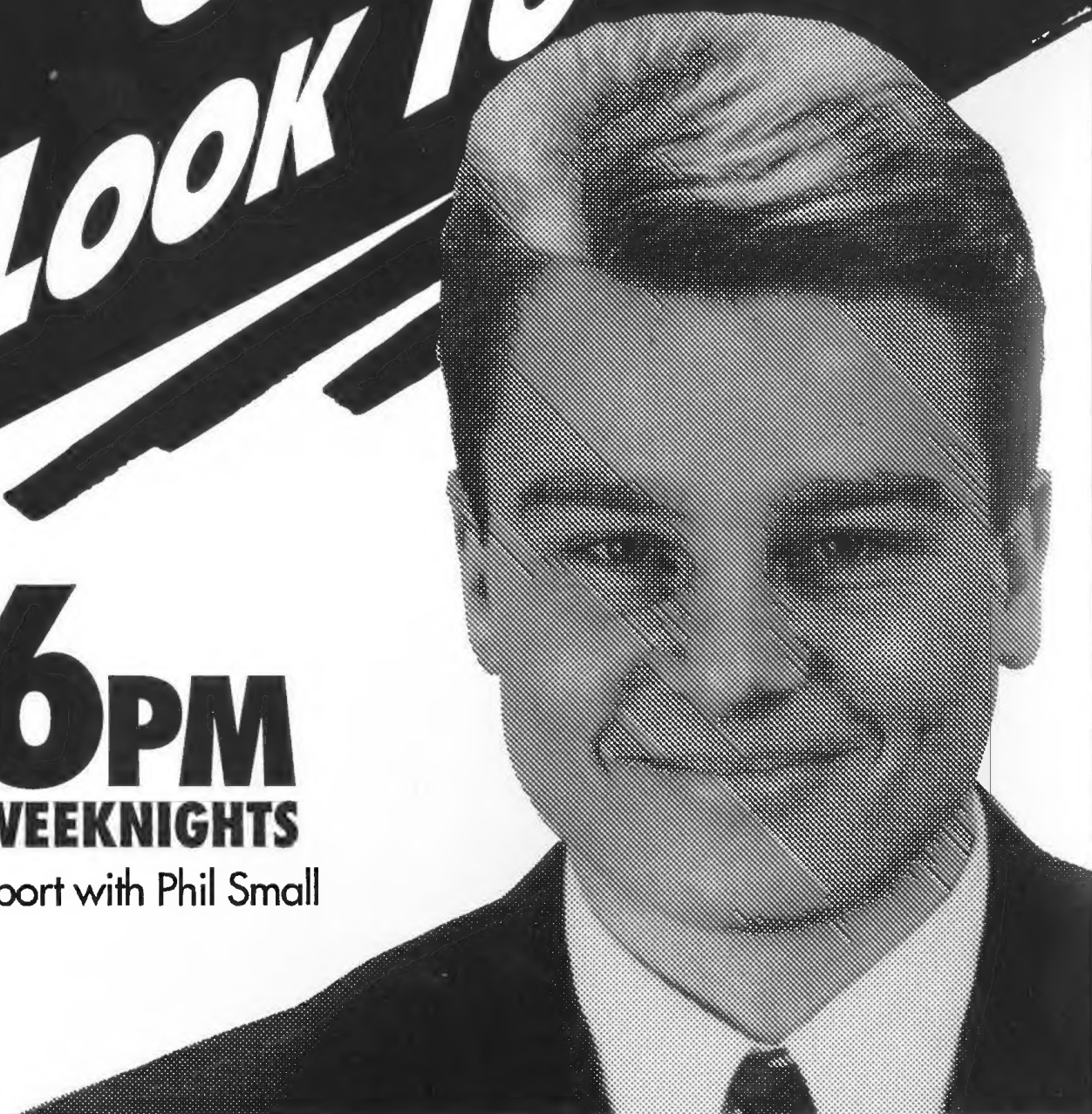
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MATCH PREVIEW

David Wright previews tonight's match against Marconi Fairfield.

The first game at Bruce in 1996 pits the Cosmos against one of the National League's great clubs. Founding members of the National League in 1977, Marconi have been ever present in the top flight. Over the years, they have boasted some of the all time greats of Australian Soccer such as Jimmy Rooney, Ivo Prskalo, Mark Jankovic and Ernie Krncevic to name but a few.

The relationship between Canberra and Marconi has been a curious one over the years with many players associated with Canberra soccer finding their way to the western suburbs of Sydney. Two obvious examples are Frank Farina, now with Brisbane Strikers, and Tony Henderson who notched up a Marconi club record 243 appearances after his move from Canberra. A glance through the Marconi players list will show that tradition is being continued. Paul Beltrame and Andrew Ravello, both Canberra stalwarts were lured to Sydney before the Cosmos could recruit them.

Most of the Marconi side pick themselves. Bob Catlin is back from England in goal, JP De Marigny, Paul Souris, Dominic Longo, Mike Smith and Robbie Stanton will form the nucleus of the defence with Matt Bingley, Eric Hristodoulou and Brad Maloney providing the midfield service to Andy Harper and, arguably, the national league's most exciting player, Francis Awaratife.

To win Cosmos will need to hold Awaratife, particularly when Marconi hit on the break. Dunn and Popovich have held the likes of John Markovski and Joe Spiteri, Damien Mori and Brad Hassell in recent weeks and, against Morwell, they bottled up Warren Spink to the point that he was substituted fifteen minutes before the end.

Marconi are a class act. They have a very experienced defence, an energetic midfield and exciting forwards. Undoubtedly, the player to watch in my book is Francis Awaratife. If Cosmos defenders can bottle him up, I believe we will win. If not, we may pay a heavy price. Either way, Cosmos fans are in for a treat!

David Wright

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From the LYONS Den

This week we present an interview with Mike Lyons, by Nick Guoth (involved with football for 30 years and currently refereeing in Canberra).

The Canberra Cosmos is a new team to the National League. Mike Lyons has come from England, via Brunei, to coach this team and hopefully put the Cosmos on the Australian football map. I caught up with Mike and asked him a few questions regarding football, both with regard to the Cosmos and Australia in general. I hope you enjoy his comments.

NG: To improve the image of the game in Canberra, what is planned to generate public interest in soccer generally and in the Cosmos?

ML: *It's our job to make sure that when the people come they get value for money. This in mind, I hope our matches would have a good atmosphere. There will be functions after the games and a number of promotions have been planned for during the games. We'd like to see a good family and social atmosphere.*

NG: Looking more generally to Australia, football - in the senior ranks - does not have the high profile as is enjoyed by sports like Rugby Union, League and Australian Rules, yet it is the most popular sport amongst youngsters. What would be your suggestion to reverse this?

ML: *Where I'm from in Liverpool, within 15 minutes, depending on how quick I drive, I can get to 4 Rugby League clubs, namely Wigan, St Helens, Widnes and Warrington. I have never ever had a desire to go to watch any of these games, but since I've been in Australia, the support, advertising and enthusiasm for League on the television and in the papers makes me feel as if I'm missing out. I'm sure I will become a confirmed Raiders fan because everything about the advertising is enthusiasm and fun and they build the characters from within the game. Whoever thought of the Tina Turner advert should be knighted for services to Rugby League.*

The beauty of rugby league is that they are all Australians who play it. The problem with football is that everyone wants to retain their nationality. So, bearing this in mind, I would like to see a massive advertising campaign on television showing 5 to 6 Australian national players, all originally descended from different countries, saying "I'm Joe Bloggs, and I'm proud to play for Australia".

For the younger level, everybody needs a hero, so there is a need for a higher profile for players. The Cosmos need to fulfil this role. It's no co-incidence when Seb Coe and Steve Cram were winning everything in middle distance athletics that everybody wanted to become a miler. My hero was a boy called Jimmy Gabriel who played for Everton and so much so I had my confirmation name called James. Its healthy to have heroes.

NG: Australia has had a number of good results on the international scene including a trip to the World Cup in 1974. What are your thoughts on the general standard of play? Do you think football in Australia has improved in the last 20 years and finally, the never ending question, how do we stop the continuous drain of players to Europe?

ML: *One of the main things that attracted me to coming to Australia was the enthusiasm and dedication of some of the players that I'd worked with. An example is Jason Kearton, a young goalkeeper from Brisbane, who one day walked into the Everton training ground at the age of 19 and asked for a trial.*



It was a pleasure to take him training because of his enthusiasm and now he is understudy to Neville Southall at Everton.

Brian Bothwell, a Melbourne lad who plays for Morwell, was playing for me in Brunei. His attitudes and standards were excellent. Also, the best players in the Malay League are all Australian imports. So, that was one of the reason I came to Australia.

Now that I'm here, some of the attitudes in the local leagues are very disappointing and I think a lot of players need to grow up a bit. There's far too much bickering and moaning between themselves and the referees. It's strange when you've played with world class players, why is it that their attitude and gentlemanship is far superior to much poorer players.

As I've stated before, for football to really blossom in Australia, we need to strive for full professional clubs, professionally run with better facilities all around. I have only seen a few grounds at the moment, but from what I've seen, English non-league grounds are more professional. With that in mind, we have to strive to get better attendances and we all have to pull in to help each other to achieve this. If it means better behaviour or less spoilt players on the pitch, then so be it. We can only achieve a full professional league if we keep our best young players.

I think it would benefit Australian football if we have a rule similar to one that they have in Eastern Europe where a player can only leave if he has reached a certain age. Politically here that's impossible. If we could keep our best players until 23 and state that if they do leave too early then they can't play for Australia. Also, those chosen for the AIS should be signed on by the ASF and play in the National League for the AIS, then if they do leave at 22 or 23, the money would go back into the ASF to help develop future players,stadia and facilities.

At the present moment you cannot blame youngsters for wanting to be full time professional players. It was the big thing when I was a lad to be a professional footballer. While we do not have a full professional league in Australia, youngsters will always want to go where they can be, as we say in England, a 'PRO'.

Ericsson Cup Draw

CANBERRA COSMOS - DRAW

Rd	Date	Match	Time	Score	Attendance
1	8/10/95	v Adelaide City	7:30pm	0-2	4,680
2	14/10/95	v Sydney United	7:00pm	0-0	5,490
4	22/10/95	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm	2-2	2,725
5	28/10/95	v UTS Olympic	7:00pm	2-3	3,920
3	1/11/95	v Wollongong City	7:30pm	2-2	2,240
6	4/11/95	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm	0-1	3,617
7	11/11/95	v West Adelaide	7:00pm	1-1	3,210
8	18/11/95	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm	1-3	4,809
9	25/11/95	v Newcastle Breakers	7:00pm	3-2	2,240
10	3/12/95	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm	3-1	4,532
12	9/12/95	v Adelaide City	7:00pm	0-0	4,120
11	13/12/95	v Morwell Falcons	7:30pm	5-0	2,170
13	17/12/95	v Sydney United	7:00pm	0-3	4,984
14	22/12/95	v Wollongong City	7:45pm		
15	26/12/95	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm		
16	30/12/95	v UTS Olympic	7:00pm		
17	6/1/96	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm		

Mid Season Break - January (Johnnie Walker Cup, Preliminary Rounds)

18	4/2/96	v West Adelaide	7:30pm
19	10/2/96	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm
20	16/2/96	v Newcastle Breakers	7:45pm
21	24/2/96	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm
22	2/3/96	v Morwell Falcons	7:00pm
23	10/3/96	v Adelaide City	7:30pm
24	13/3/96	v Sydney United	7:30pm
25	16/3/96	v Wollongong City	7:00pm
26	24/3/96	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm
27	27/3/96	v UTS Olympic	7:30pm
28	30/3/96	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm
29	6/4/96	v West Adelaide	7:00pm
30	8/4/96	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm
31	13/4/96	v Newcastle Breakers	7:00pm
32	21/4/96	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm
33	28/4/96	v Morwell Falcons	7:00pm

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COSMOS LEADING SCORERS

Paul Wade	6
Lachlan Armstrong	4
Michael Musitano	3
Marko Perinovic	3
Paul Dee	1
Jason Dunn	1
Norman Kelly	1



ACT ACADEMY LEADING SCORERS

Scott Conlon	4
Pat Phommaseissy	4
Tony Lemezina	4
Anthony Barac	3
Lindsay Wilson	3
John Glass	3
Daniel Bennett	2
Steve Richards	1
Michael Barac	1
Oscar Zamora	1

CANBERRA COSMOS STAR PROFILE



NAME: Jason Dunn
POSITION: Fullback
AGE: 27 yrs
WEIGHT: 88 kg
LIKES: Golf and surfing
DISLIKES: Injuries
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian and steak
BEST SPORTING MOMENT: Playing in Australian Schoolboys Squad
WORST SPORTING MOMENT: Total knee reconstruction
GREATEST INFLUENCE: Parents
PLAYING EXP: Australian Schoolboys
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MARCONI FAIRFIELD - A BRIEF HISTORY

Statistician, Andrew Howe takes a look at Marconi Fairfield.

At a general meeting in 1956, proud Italian immigrant Oscar Michelini moved that the social club of which he was a founding member, adopt the official name "Club Marconi of Bossley Park Social Recreation and Sporting Centre Limited". The name Marconi was in recognition of great Italian Guglielmo Marconi, who invented wireless transmission. In the five years till 1962 a small tin shed meeting room where the Marconi Club was baptised had developed into a significant faculty. The club now also owned the 22 acres of land surrounding the social club, situated in Bossley Park, in the Fairfield region of western Sydney.

Marconi's first soccer representation came about in 1959 in the form of a youth team. The first Marconi senior side came into being in 1961, where competing in the NSW amateur championship, the club won the NSW amateur league by eight points. Not to mention being victorious in the 1961 Amateur Cup! Marconi quickly rose to prominence and in 1971 was accepted into the NSW state league - then considered the pinnacle of Australian club soccer. The coach at this stage was Les Scheinflug (currently the Australian youth teams coach).

From the onset of the national league in 1977 Marconi have regularly been considered pace-setters of the competition. Marconi came agonizingly close to securing the league's first league championship, only to be

pipped at the post by Sydney City on goal difference. The Fairfielders could also not have got any close to winning the inaugural national knock-out cup - losing out in the finals to Brisbane Lions 5-3 on penalties. At the end of the 1977 season supporters were wondering if any trophy was ever going to come their way - after 13 rounds of the league's second season Marconi were six points in front of their closest challengers and had not lost a game. By round 26 the team were placed fourth and had lost 8 games!

But the Marconi faithful did not have to wait much longer. In these days where the leading team at the end of the home and away season was declared premier team, Marconi were national champions of 1978, making mathematically sure of the title after defeating arch rivals Sydney Olympic on September 14. Three grand final appearances in row in the late 1980's include victories in 1988 (v Sydney United on penalties) and 1989 (Olympic 0), while Marconi edged out fellow national league ever-present Adelaide City in the 1990 championship decider 1-0. Marconi holds the record for the number of national league wins (249 at the commencement of this season) and the number of premierships (four). Such high standards ensures that the club, currently travelling through the 1995-96 A-League well, will get close again this season.

Andrew Howe

MARCONI FAIRFIELD - A SUMMARY OF NATIONAL LEAGUE PERFORMANCE				
SEASON	FINAL LADDER POSITION	KNOCKOUT PLACING	RESULT v CANBERRA	
			In Canb	In Melb
1977	2 (14 teams)	2nd (14 teams)	1-0 (Canb)	0-0
1978	4 (14 teams)	= 17th (32 teams)	0-0	2-0 (Marconi)
1979	1 (14 teams)	= 17th (32 teams)	3- (Canb)	1-1
1980	4 (14 teams)	1st (32 teams)	1-0 (Marconi)	3-2 (Marconi)
1981	14 (16 teams)	= 3rd (36 teams)	2-0 (Canb)	2-0 (Canb)
1982	10 (16 teams)	= 5th (16 teams)	2-0 (Canb)	2-2
1983	9 (16 teams)	= 3rd (16 teams)	2-2	2-1 (Marconi)
1984 ^A	3 (12 teams)	=19th (24 teams)	2-0 (Marconi)	-
1985 ^A	3 (12 teams)	= 17th (32 teams)	1-1	4-1 (Marconi)
1986 ^A	4 (12 teams)	= 17th (32 teams)	3-0 (Marconi)	2-0 (Marconi)
1987	4 (13 teams)	= 3rd (13 teams)	-	-
1988	4 (14 teams)	= 9th (24 teams)	-	-
1989	1 (14 teams)	=5th (14 teams)	-	-
1989-90	1 (14 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	-	-
1990-91	4 (14 teams)	=5th (14 teams)	-	-
1991-92	7 (14 teams)	2nd (14 teams)	-	-
1992-93	2 (14 teams)	= 5th (14 teams)	-	-
1993-94	4 (14 teams)	= 5th (14 teams)	-	-
1994-95	10 (13 teams)	= 9th (14 teams)	-	-

^Anational league split into two 12 team conferences. Marconi & Canberra in northern conference.

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Canberra Cosmos

25. Steve Mautone
2. Paul Dee
3. Joe Gagetti
4. Richard Watson
5. Jason Dunn
6. Paul Wade
7. Michael Garcia
8. Norman Kelly
9. Lachlan Armstrong
10. Marko Perinovic
11. Toplica Popovich
12. Arsenije Popovich
13. Paul Gagetti
14. James Baxter
20. Ben Harris
21. John Koch
22. Michael Musitano
23. Stan Dukic
24. Tony Lemezina

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT	Dark Blue
Trim	Orange/White
SHORTS	Dark Blue
Trim	Orange/White
SOCKS	White

Marconi Fairfield

1. Bob Catlin
2. Gary van Egmond
3. John Paul de Marigny (C)
4. Robert Stanton
5. Matthew Bingley
6. Luke Casserly
7. Andrew Harper
8. Eric Hristodolou
9. Ramon Climent
10. Brad Maloney
11. Mike Smith
12. John Angelucci
13. Aaron Holst
14. Paul Beltrame
15. Ian Pollari
16. Darren Iocca
17. Francis Awaritefe
18. Paul Souris
19. Brendan Renaud
20. Leslie Pogliacomi
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23. Vlado Zoric

PLAYING STRIP

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SOCKS	Green



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Adam Powell
Antony Kelava
Vasko Stojceski
Silvio Miceli
Matthew Valeri
Dennis Langone
Craig Unwin
Shane Lyons

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT: White
Trim: Blue/Jade/Yellow
SHORTS: White
Trim: Blue/Jade/Yellow

Coach: Chris Tanzey
Assistant: Rod Lynes
Manager: Chris Conti

Marconi Fairfield

Michael Kladis
Scott Jeffers
Luke Tomich
Christian Care
Anthony Monteleone
Michael Galluzzo
Peter Krljar
Andrew Daniele
Mauro van Cuylenberg
Buddy Farah
Robert DeBrincat
Anthony Arean
Michael Cunico
Daniel Uchino
Daniel Mezzasalma
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Allen Centinic
Jason Lucia
Craig Potts
Victor Tomasevic
Vaughan Hunter

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT White
Trim Green
SHORTS White
Trim Green
SOCKS Green

Name: Blair Machin (GK)
Age: 18
Current Club: Olympic
Other Clubs: Belconnen, Belnorth
First Coach: Wayne Callaghan
Favourite Cosmos Star: Paul Wade
Favourite Aust Star: Mark Bosnich
Oversees: David James
Likes: pasta, playing & training
Dislikes: Rugby League, Broccoli
Best Moment: Being selected for the Academy
Worst Moment: Losing 0-1 to Wollongong
Ambitions: To play overseas
Greatest Influence: Father and Jimmy Hayes

ACT ACADEMY OF SPORT

Steve Richards (C)
18
Canberra City
Tuggeranong Utd
Maurice Rousell
Ben Harris
Paul Okon
Paolo Maldini
Winning
Losing, inconsistent refs
Beating Uruguay (Aust School-boys) in Sth America
Injuring ankle
To play for Cosmos
Chris Tanzey, Jimmy Bland

John Glass
16
Nil
Canberra Deakin
Peter McCue
Michael Musitano
John Markovski
Dejan Savicevic
Sport
Work, Daramalan College
To play overseas
Father

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From The Grandstand

In this issue, Chris Kunz looks at the issue of ethnic origin and the requirement for clubs to broaden their support base if they

Take a look around you at the match today. Take time to study the faces and listen for the accents. Chances are you will see and hear people born in Italy, Holland, Scotland, Croatia, Serbia, Greece, Germany, England, Ireland and a variety of South American and Asian countries, as well as the many of Australian birth and background - all supporting one team - the Canberra Cosmos.

We are as close as the A League comes to a true cross-section of Australian society - and for that, we and the management of Soccer Australia can be proud.

Anyone can become part of this crowd and not feel an outsider. We can and do react to and discuss the merits of play as if we were old friends. The football and our team is the common language we share.

Traditionally, the Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide clubs have tended to attract between 80 and 99% of their support from those with the same background as that of each club's founders - either Italian (like our visitors today, Marconi), Greek or Croatian. While there is nothing wrong with this, where do the many thousands of soccer fans in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide go if they wish to watch a game? In the past, national flags, chants of "Juve!", "Hellas!" and "Croatia!" would hardly have made any neutrals feel welcome.

(It is interesting to note that Morwell Falcons, a club founded and run by Italians in the Latrobe Valley city, has managed to gain broad acceptance in the region. Regular radio coverage and the club's willingness to represent all, has led them to attract around 40% of their crowd from a non-Italian background.)

This season, however, there are signs that all clubs are taking a more market-oriented approach and trying to sell themselves to the broader community. For example, the Greek backed UTS Olympic have a player of Serbian background who writes a column in a Serbian newspaper, while another, Kimon Talliadoris writes in the district newspaper. West Adelaide have, for the first time, distributed free tickets to passers by in Adelaide's Rundle Mall. We may think these are small steps by our standards, but they are symptomatic of a reassessment of priorities. Much of the credit for this change must go to the Soccer Australia hierarchy.

The changes instigated by David Hill's ascendancy to the Soccer Australia

chair have been long overdue. Previous administrations 'whipped out' of taking the tough decisions necessary to positively change the image of the National League. On 16 December, 'The Australian' published what it said were the criteria by which membership of the 96/97 A League would be judged. Among them were:

- * Ability to demonstrate a capacity to represent a region, city or a significant part of a city at the most senior level of soccer and ability to attract and promote broad community feeling of access and ownership of club rather than only a particular section or sections of the community

- * Preparedness of the club to remove any barriers, real or symbolic, to broadening the appeal of the club, while also demonstrating non-discriminatory practices in all areas of activity, including appointment of players, officials and board members.

All three criteria clearly indicate that the days of another ethnic club gaining admission to the A league are all but over. Certainly, ethnic names, chants and foreign national flags are obvious signs to all newcomers that they are unwelcome and have no place in our national competition. Any club persisting with these should be excluded.

With the community-based Perth Glory (displaying the great colours of purple and orange - Cosmos may just have to play second fiddle in the best strip category) being admitted next season, there appears to be space for one more side to make 14 - if all current clubs survive.

My preference would be for a Hobart team to represent Tasmania - if the financial backing was available. Whatever results, the A League has taken great strides since the late 70s, when (as Canberra City's Junior Promotions Officer) I was the first person to promote a National League club in schools and the broader community.

Canberra City was the first community-based team and Canberra Cosmos is its offspring. We must do all we can to ensure the prosperity and continued growth of the club, because soccer's future is very much at our feet.

Chris Kunz

What's Ahead

Round 17

05/01 Wollongong v UTS Olympic
06/01 Cosmos v Marconi
06/01 Morwell v Brisbane
07/01 Syd United v Sth Melb
07/01 Adel City v West Adel
07/01 Melb Knights v Newcastle

Round 18

02/02 Newcastle v Morwell
03/02 Brisbane v Adelaide City
03/02 Marconi v Wollongong
04/02 West Adel v Cosmos
04/02 UTS Olympic v Sth Melb
04/02 Melb Knights v Syd United

Round 19

09/02 Wollongong v West Adel
10/02 Cosmos v Brisbane
10/02 Morwell v Melb Knights
11/02 Syd United v UTS Olympic
11/02 Sth Melb v Marconi
11/02 Adelaide City v Newcastle



REFEREES FOR TONIGHT'S GAMES

COSMOS

Referee: S Macalief
Linesmen: G Dunster
C McKillop
4th Official: B Williams
Inspector: P Murphy

ACADAMY

Referee: n/a
Linesmen: n/a
Inspector: n/a

Competition Tables

Ericsson Cup Table as at 17th December 1995

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
UTS Olympic	13	8	3	2	25	15	27
Marconi Fairfield	13	7	3	3	19	13	24
Sydney United	13	6	5	2	16	9	23
Adelaide City	13	6	3	4	24	12	21
Brisbane Strikers	13	7	0	6	20	19	21
Melbourne Knights	13	6	2	5	14	12	20
Morwell Falcons	13	6	2	5	18	20	20
West Adelaide	13	4	4	5	17	18	16
Canberra Cosmos	13	3	5	5	19	20	14
South Melbourne	13	4	2	7	16	23	14
Wollongong City	13	3	1	9	11	21	10
Newcastle Breakers	13	2	2	9	12	29	8

Match Results Round 13 (15/16/17 December)

Newcastle Breakers	0	v	2	Marconi Fairfield
Brisbane Strikers	3	v	1	West Adelaide
Sydney United	3	v	0	Canberra Cosmos
South Melbourne	2	v	2	Morwell Falcons
Adelaide City	1	v	0	Wollongong City
Melbourne Knights	0	v	1	UTS Olympic

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Marconi Fairfield	12	10	1	1	45	9	31
Sydney United	13	9	0	4	27	15	27
A.I.S.	12	7	2	3	36	20	23
Wollongong City	12	7	1	4	24	24	22
UTS Olympic	12	6	2	4	32	21	20
Qld Academy of Sport	12	6	1	5	34	20	19
ACT Academy of Sport	13	5	2	6	26	29	17
Parramatta Eagles	11	4	4	3	23	20	16
Blacktown City	13	4	4	5	23	29	16
Newcastle Breakers	11	3	2	6	15	23	11
St George	11	1	1	9	9	41	4
NSW ITC	12	0	0	12	6	49	0

Match Results Round 13 (15/16/17 December 1995)

Newcastle Breakers	0	v	0	Marconi Fairfield
NSW ITC	1	v	3	Wollongong City
Blacktown City	3	v	3	Parramatta Eagles
AIS	3	v	2	UTS Olympic
Sydney United	1	v	0	ACT Academy

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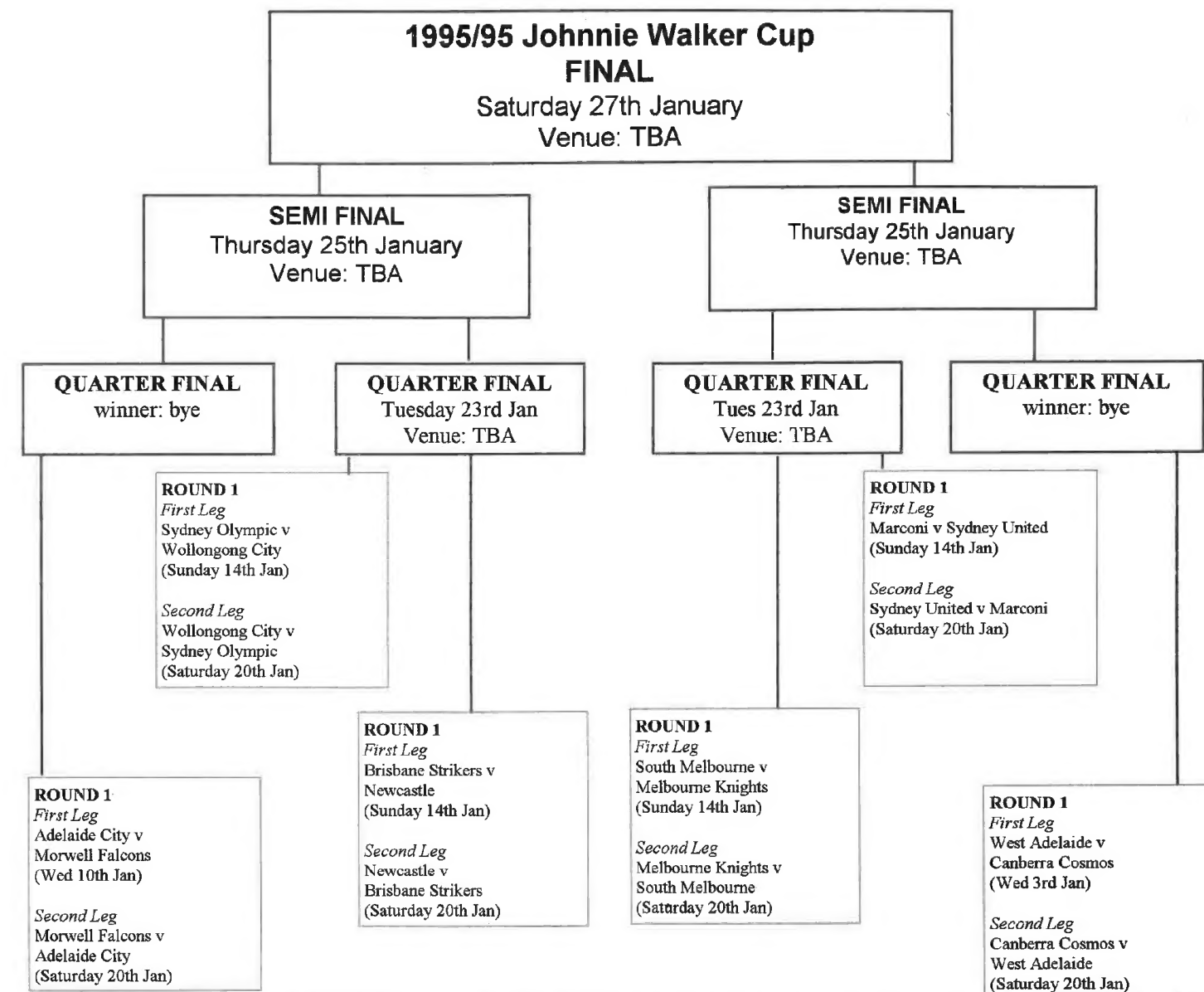
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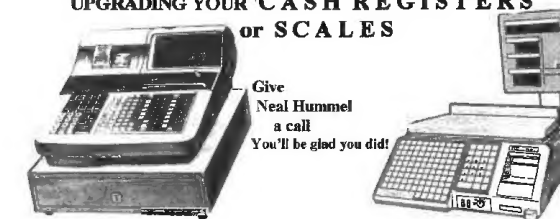


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